

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone comprising an upper casing provided with a speaker and a display screen and a lower casing on which a keyboard is disposed, wherein an antenna is mounted on an upper end of the upper casing, wherein

a dielectric member with a predetermined dielectric constant and little loss is mounted on a back side of the antenna such that the back side of the antenna is entirely coupled to and thereby covered by a surface of the dielectric member and such that the dielectric member is positioned farther away from a head of a user than the antenna is positioned with respect to the head of the user, when the user is operating the portable telephone.

2. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric member is a dielectric member in shape of hemisphere.

3. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric member is a dielectric member in shape of hemicylinder.

4. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric member is a dielectric member in shape of rectangular.

5. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric member has a curved surface on a side opposite to the antenna.

6. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is a built-in antenna built in the upper casing.

7. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is a dipole antenna.

8. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is an inverted-L-shaped antenna.

9. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is a monopole antenna.

10. (Original) The portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is a meander antenna.

11. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~a slot provided on a back surface of the upper casing at a top of the upper casing,~~
wherein the dielectric member includes a joint that is sized to fit within the slot couple to the upper casing,

wherein the antenna is integrally coupled with the dielectric member, and

wherein the ~~antenna and the dielectric member are detachably connected to the upper casing by fitting the joint of the dielectric member into the slot of the upper casing~~ operates as a feeding section for feeding electricity supplied by the portable telephone to the antenna.

12. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 11, wherein the joint corresponds to a feeding section that feeds power to the antenna from the portable telephone when the antenna and the dielectric member are fitted into the slot.

13. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone comprising an upper casing provided with a speaker and a display screen and a lower casing on which a keyboard is disposed, wherein an antenna is mounted on a lower end of the lower casing on an outer surface of the lower casing, wherein

a dielectric member with a predetermined dielectric constant and little loss is mounted on a front side of the antenna such that the front side of the antenna is entirely coupled to and thereby covered by a surface of the dielectric member and such that the dielectric member is positioned farther from where a palm of a user is located than the antenna is positioned with respect to the palm of the user, when the user is holding the portable telephone within the palm in order to operate the portable telephone.

14. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to claim 13, wherein the antenna is a built-in antenna built in the lower casing.

15. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone according to claim 13, further comprising:

~~a slot provided on a front side of the lower casing; and~~

a joint provided on the dielectric member,

wherein the dielectric member is integrally formed with the antenna,

wherein the joint corresponds to a feeding section that feeds power to the antenna from the portable telephone when the antenna and the dielectric member are ~~fitted into the slot~~ coupled to the lower casing.

16. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone comprising:

an upper casing provided with a speaker and a display screen and a lower casing on which a keyboard is disposed,

wherein an antenna is mounted on at least one of an upper end of the upper casing and a lower end of the lower casing,

wherein a dielectric member with a predetermined dielectric constant and little loss is integrally coupled to the antenna,

~~wherein a first slot is provided on a back surface of the upper casing at a top of the upper casing;~~

~~wherein a second slot is provided on a front surface of the lower casing at a bottom of the lower casing, the first and second slots having a same size,~~

wherein the dielectric member includes a joint that is ~~sized to fit within the first slot and the second slot~~ configured to be coupled to either the back surface of the upper casing at the top of the upper casing, or a front surface of the lower casing at a bottom of the lower casing,

~~wherein the antenna and dielectric member are configured to be detachably connected to either the first slot of the upper casing or the second slot of the lower casing;~~

wherein, when the antenna and dielectric member are connected to the first slot of the upper casing, the dielectric member is positioned farther away from a head of a user than the antenna is positioned with respect to the head of the user, when the user is operating the portable telephone, and

wherein, when the antenna and dielectric member are connected to the second slot of the lower casing, the dielectric member is positioned farther from where a palm of a user is

located than the antenna is positioned with respect to the palm of the user, when the user is holding the portable telephone within the palm in order to operate the portable telephone.

17. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone according to claim 16, wherein the joint corresponds to a feeding section that feeds power to the antenna from the portable telephone when the antenna and the dielectric member are fitted ~~into either the first slot or the second slot~~ onto an outer surface of the portable telephone.